

Look Fights Use Of Uncut Bonn Version of Book

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Look magazine worked feverishly today to block publication of an unabridged serialized version of "The Death of a President" by Stern, a leading West German illustrated weekly.

"Look and Cowles will go to any length to prevent the publication by Stern of any part of (the) book that has not been approved," William Attwood, editor-in-chief of Cowles Communications, publishers of Look, said.

The announcement yesterday by Stern in Hamburg, Germany, that it would publish an "unshortened and unchanged" serialization of the book touched off a series of hurried conferences between Cowles officials and lawyers.

Attwood declined to say whether Stern's announcement had jarred the agreement reached Wednesday between

Look and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, which stated that Look must control the serialized versions that appeared in other publications.

According to Henri Nannen, editor-in-chief of Stern, the magazine had paid Look \$72,500 for the German serialization rights.

Nannen insisted that Stern was unaffected by the Kennedy-Look agreement, which provides for the deletion of certain passages in the book that concern the personal life of Mrs. Kennedy and her children.

He said that the contract be-

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tween Look and Stern, which has a circulation of 2 million, did not provide for any changes or cuts in the text. Stern plans to begin the serialization in the edition on sale Jan. 17.

As part of its efforts to head off publication by Stern, Attwood said that Look's syndicate manager, Joseph Wurzel, would be sent immediately to Germany to talk with Nannen.

Look had acquired the serialization rights to the book by William Manchester and in turn sold foreign rights to Stern and other publications.

In another development, it

was reported that the Nationalist Chinese government would step in to block any attempts at printing bootleg versions of the book on Taiwan.

Copies of material deleted from the book have reportedly turned up in Taiwan, which has become a center for printing pirated editions because publishers there are not covered by international copyright law.

The Chinese government, however, apparently is intent on avoiding any possible controversy that could be touched off if versions of the book were distributed from Taiwan.

Yesterday Mrs. Kennedy moved a step closer to total

victory in her battle over the book.

Lawyers for Harper & Row, which plans to publish a 300,000-word hardbound edition April 7, said that Harper's would "be very glad" to settle the controversy along the lines of Mrs. Kennedy's out-of-court agreement with Look.

MEET WITH LAWYERS

Earlier, State Supreme Court Justice Saul S. Streit granted a postponement until Tuesday for Harper's, and Manchester to show cause why they should not be restrained from going ahead with publication.

The extension was granted

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after lawyers representing Mrs. Kennedy, Manchester and Harper's met briefly with Streit in his chambers.

In her agreement with Look, the magazine agreed to cut 1,600 words from the 30,000 authorized for the serialization. A spokesman for the magazine said however, that the planned serialization would run only 60,000 words.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Kennedy, together with her children Caroline and John Jr., are scheduled to leave the day after Christmas for a brief holiday in the British West Indies. They are due to return here Jan. 5.